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Via ECFS

March 1, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: CenturyLink Certification for Qwest Corporation Public Notice of

Network Change for Fiber-to-the-Home Copper Retirements, 47 C.F.R. Section 51.332(d); No. 793, WC Docket No. 16-396; Report No. NCD-

2650

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink, Inc., on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliate (collectively referred to herein as "CenturyLink"), hereby submits in the attached Appendix the enclosed Declaration and Certification under 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(d) for public notice No. 793, <sup>2</sup> as filed on

https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1104240449966/b%20161103%20CTL%20QC%20793%20PN%20Certification%20FINAL.pdf;

https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1104240449966/c%20161103%20CTL%20QC%20793%20FTTH%20Copper%20Retirements%20FINAL.pdf;

https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1104240449966/d%20161103%20CTL%20QC%20793%20Distribution%20List%20FINAL.xlsx; and

 $https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1104240449966/e\%20161103\%20CTL\%20QC\%20793\%20COS\%20FINAL.pdf\ .$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Qwest Corporation, the local exchange carrier, is wholly owned by Qwest Communications International Inc. (QCII). On April 1, 2011, QCII and CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) consummated a transaction whereby QCII became a wholly owned subsidiary of CenturyLink. Qwest Corporation is also referred to herein as CenturyLink QC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The CenturyLink QC public notice can be accessed via ECFS: https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1104240449966/a%20161103%20CTL%20QC%20793%20PN%20L etter%20FINAL.pdf;

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November 3, 2016 and publicly noticed by the FCC on December 1, 2016.<sup>3</sup> The planned implementation dates for public notice No. 793 for fiber-to-the-home copper retirements in Minnesota are May 15, 2017 and December 30, 2017. This Declaration and Certification is filed by CenturyLink's authorized representative within 90 days of December 1, 2016 in response to 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(d) and (f) and the Declaration meets the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

Sincerely,

/s/ Abdennaceur Boudhaouia

Enclosures

cc: Carmell Weathers

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Public Notice, Report No. NCD-2650, WC Docket No. 16-396 (Dec. 1, 2016). https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/DOC-342379A1.pdf .

## **Appendix**

## **DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 51.332(d)**

I, Abdennaceur Boudhaouia, certify under penalty of perjury that the following Certification is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

## 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(d)

Pursuant to section 51.332(d) of the FCC's rules, CenturyLink QC hereby provides its Certification no later than 90 days after the FCC's Public Notice of December 1, 2016. In support of its Certification, CenturyLink declares as follows with respect to the statements and other information required by that section:

- (1) This Certification is for public notice No. 793 for fiber-to-the-home copper retirements in Minnesota with implementation dates of May 15, 2017 and December 30, 2017;
- (2) On November 3, 2016, notice was given in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(1);
- (3) On November 3, 2016, CenturyLink timely served a copy of its public notice upon each entity within the affected service area that directly interconnects with CenturyLink QC's network, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(1);
- (4) Attachment 1 to today's submission provides the name and address of each entity upon which CenturyLink served the written notice referred to in statement (3) above;
- (5) On November 3, 2016, CenturyLink timely notified and served a copy of the public notice of its network change upon the governor and state public utility commission of Minnesota, any tribal entities in the affected service areas, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the U.S. Secretary of Defense, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(4);
- (6) On February 9, 2017, CenturyLink timely served the customer notice required under 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(3) upon all retail customers to whom notice is required;
- (7) Attachment 2 to today's submission includes copies of the written notice and Frequently Asked Questions provided to retail customers;
- (8) The notification requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 68.110(b) do not apply to these retirements;
- (9) CenturyLink has complied with the good faith communication requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(g) and will continue to do so until implementation of the planned copper retirement is complete; and
- (10) The Commission has assigned the following docket number and NCD number to CenturyLink QC's public notice No. 793: WC Docket No. 16-396; Report No. NCD-2650.

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Any person seeking additional information in conjunction with CenturyLink QC public notice No. 793 can contact:

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Executed on: March \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017